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October 04, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#21 OCTOBER 4, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE ANNUAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, JOHN ANSON FORD (JAF) HUMAN RELATIONS AWARDS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This Board Letter requests approval for Community and Senior Services (CSS) to use donations from the JAF Trust to host the Commission on Human Relations' JAF Human Relations Awards reception. This reception is held annually to honor recipients of JAF awards.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the use of approximately \$5,000 from the JAF Trust by Community and Senior Services (CSS) to fund the costs associated with the JAF Human Relations Awards reception.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this request will enable the CSS and Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission ("Commission") to honor outstanding intergroup relations and human rights work by individuals and organizations in each of the Supervisorial Districts through this annual Commission JAF awards event.

This event has an important programmatic purpose in highlighting and promoting the inspiring stories of often-unsung heroes who have protected fundamental human rights of vulnerable groups, brought peace in communities wracked with violence, and provided invaluable contributions to improving intergroup relations in Los Angeles County.

Your Board has already passed a Board Resolution that waived parking fees at the Music Center garage for this event.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan goals of Service Excellence, Children, Family and Adult Well-Being, Community and Municipal Services, and Operational Effectiveness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to the County general fund as costs for the reception are offset by funds donated to the John Anson Ford Trust Fund, which was established to support the valuable work of the Commission. The costs for this luncheon have already been approved by the Commission on Human Relations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The JAF Awards Event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Room 739 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

This reception is being held to honor outstanding intergroup relations and human rights work by individuals and organizations in each of the Supervisorial Districts. The event serves the valuable programmatic function of recognizing exemplary efforts so that they can inspire and be emulated by others in Los Angeles County.

This letter has been shared reviewed by County Counsel and shared with the Auditor-Controller.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the Commission, CSS, and the County to recognize and promote exemplary human relations practices, leaders, and organizations in Supervisorial Districts and Los Angeles County through this event, whether it is for racialized gang violence prevention, responding to and reducing hate crimes, or integrating human relations leadership in our schools.

CONCLUSION

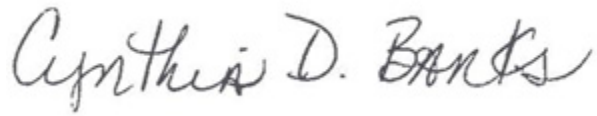
Upon Board approval, please mail two copies of the adopted Board Letter to Robin Toma, Human Relations Commission, at Community and Senior Services Department, 3175 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020 or via e mail at rtoma@css.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/4/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Cynthia D. Banks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CYNTHIA D. BANKS

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors